

WORK AHEAD FOR ALL

An Editorial

The operation was successful. Now if the patient can have a little peace and quiet the wound will heal. Figuratively speaking, such is the situation of municipal life in Torrance. The pain of Tuesday's recall election is nearly over, and if we all decide to forget about the past and start working together, we'll be much happier in the future. An old sore will never get well if we keep probing it.

No doubt many who voted against the recall did so sincerely. The best way to convince them that they were mistaken in their judgment is by giving this city a better administration.

First important step is to select able and honest candidates to succeed the recallers. In this everyone has a responsibility.

The plan suggested by the Citizens' Committee will work well, if put into effect, and it is hoped that everyone will take a part. Invite the civic-minded folks in your neighborhood to come to your home—or some other meeting place—some evening soon and talk it over. Then select two representatives from your group to attend a general caucus which shall choose two or three candidates that they can all endorse. Two should be chosen if Babcock is retained in office and three if he is recalled.

Care should be taken not to select any member of the Recall Committee, as they have definitely stated they would not be candidates and they intend to stand by this decision. A number of people have suggested that the candidates chosen should not have been previously active in political campaigns.

Time is limited and prompt action is required. Group meetings should be held within the next five days and the general caucus some time next week. If such a plan is carried out, Torrance should once more present a UNITED FRONT for progress and civic betterment. Will you do your part?

● A New Awakening

Torrance has been criticised for its lack of civic spirit. Sometimes it has seemed that the task of carrying on movements for public benefit has been borne by all too few. However there was a most gratifying awakening of civic consciousness in the recent councilmanic recall campaign.

Most heartening was the addition of many new faces — people who had not previously taken an active part in community activities. All day long they worked ardently for the cause, without thought of financial remuneration or political reward. They were only interested in making this community a better place in which to live. Many volunteered their services. Others gladly responded to requests. To all, the people of Torrance owe a vote of thanks.

The injection of this new vigor, with its youthful enthusiasm is welcomed with open arms by the old guard of faithfuls who at times become somewhat discouraged.

Let's have still more recruits in this army of civic troopers. — G. C. W.

Long Beach Gets Naval Hospital; Protests by Harbor Units Follow

The decision of Secretary of Navy Frank Knox to locate the \$2,500,000 Naval hospital in Long Beach this week began drawing many protests from civic leaders and organizations in the Harbor district adjoining San Pedro and Wilmington. The 11th Naval district is reported to have selected an area of 100 or more acres in the vicinity of the San Gabriel river bed for the institution which was originally planned for the Palos Verdes hills.

Congressman Lee Geyer in Washington is reported to have expressed "keen disappointment" over the change in locations and declared that the resolution favoring the Long Beach site was "forced through the House Naval Affairs committee which tied the President's hands."

Secretary Knox, in a letter to Geyer, stated: "There has been, as you probably know, a good deal of confusion about the selection of this site. Originally, the report of the board appointed to select the site favored the Palos Verdes site. This selection, however, was sharply challenged by the commandant of the district, and it was thought wise to send the board out to actually examine the site before final decision made."

"The result of this inspection trip was that the board reversed itself and unanimously recommended the Long Beach site for the hospital. This recommendation was also concurred in by the surgeon general. Under these circumstances, it seems to me appropriate that I should concur in the final findings of the board and the surgeon general, and I have done so."

N.Y.A. Puts Indians Out of Tournament by 14 to 1 Score

Atascadero N.Y.A.'s hard hitting crew proved too big a hurdle for the Torrance Indians last night in the California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament at Torrance city park. The Indians, badly outclassed, were eliminated from the series 14 to 1. Cal Barnes, N.Y.A. twirler, received credit for the one-hit win in the seven inning melee.

The Indians used Jim Daniels, Ed Cook and young Pete Sanchez on the mound. Tonight's game will see Caler Foods and Vultee trying to reenact in the tournament.

Columbia Steel Awarded Two Large Contracts

Columbia Steel Company was low bidder on 18,000 tons of transmission towers to be installed between Covington and Chehalis, Washington, Conlee to Spokane and on the Bonneville-Midway Conlee line. It was revealed this week by the Magazine "Steel."

Columbia Steel Company has also been awarded an 1800 ton contract for a warehouse addition at Oakland for the Navy.

Woman Killed in Harbor City

John Trentini, former husband of Mrs. Mary Baroldi, 43, of 1043 252nd st., Harbor City, is being sought by police for questioning in regard to the slaying of his former wife.

Mrs. Baroldi, who was shot in her home Tuesday, died that night in the San Pedro hospital. Tuesday afternoon her niece, Mrs. Haskell Tidwell, furnished blood for a transfusion. Three bullets had passed through the victim's body.

According to the story told by Mrs. Baroldi, Trentini came to her home Tuesday to discuss a property settlement. They had been divorced for about nine years and Mrs. Baroldi married Silvis Baroldi about eight years ago. Shortly after her marriage to Baroldi they moved to Harbor City.

Mrs. Baroldi, after the shooting, ran across the street to a neighbor, Mrs. Ione Cristanelli, 1044 West 252nd st., and collapsed, according to the story told by Mrs. Cristanelli. A woman was said by neighbors to have accompanied Trentini to the home of his former wife, remaining in the car when Trentini entered the house.

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RECALL OUSTS POWELL, MURRAY

Improvements Near New Tract Are Authorized

After adopting a resolution authorizing a dedication certificate approving a map of the new subdivision located off Plaza del Amo and Arlington ave., the city council at an adjourned meeting last Thursday afternoon authorized expenditures totalling \$925 for necessary improvements near that tract.

These included: \$325 for construction of curbs and gutters on the south side of Plaza del Amo from Border to the alley west of Andreo ave.; \$240 for curbs and gutters on Andreo from Plaza del Amo to the alley south, a distance of 140 feet; \$240 for curbs and gutters on both sides of Cabrillo ave., from Plaza del Amo to alley south, and \$120 for curbs and gutters on one side of Border from Plaza del Amo to the alley south.

Per Capita Debt Said \$38 Here

Bonded debt of the city of Torrance totaled \$386,000 on June 30, 1940, and averaged \$38.79 for each and every one of the 9,950 men, women and children in the city, a study of the per capita debt of California's 286 cities, just completed by California Taxpayers' association, shows.

The city ranked 61st from the highest in bonded debt per capita, the study, based on the 1940 census population figures, shows. Indebtedness of the county, school land special districts, the state, and the federal government are not included in the figures, the association stated. Eleven California cities owed bonded indebtedness which amounted to more than \$100 per capita. Six reported bonded debt which averaged less than \$1 per capita.

"Every idea for new public buildings or expansion of any governmental unit's capital outlay program, whether to be financed by a bond issue or by a tax levy, should be abandoned until absolute need is plain and certain for the duration of the national emergency," the Taxpayers' organization declared. "In this way, the resources of the nation can be devoted to national defense and, in addition, a backlog of necessary work accumulated for the time when the defense effort is completed."

Figueredo Heads 20-30 Group

Torrance was represented at the 20-30 club sub-district meeting held last Wednesday evening at Elks' Club in San Pedro by George Figueredo, Ellsworth Clark, James Seeds, Henry Carlson, Clarence Bay and Walter Anyruid. Geoffrey Morgan of Douglas Aircraft spoke on "National Defense and the Aircraft Industry." Figueredo was elected president of the group for the ensuing year.

Largest Steel Casting Produced In West Made at Torrance Plant



The above photograph shows the bottom half of a 168-inch butterfly valve to be used at Boulder dam for generating electric power. The casting, largest ever made in the west, was produced by the Torrance works of the Columbia Steel Company from a special alloy steel. It weighs 85,000 lbs., and measures 10 feet 8 1/2 inches in height, 15 feet 5 inches outside diameter and 14 feet inside diameter. The complete assembly will act as a shut off valve between the penstocks and turbines. It will be hydraulically operated and will control the flow of 3,600,000 gal. of water per minute at a pressure of 300 pounds per square inch.

Workers for U.S.O. Want to End Drive Here in 24 Hours

Every effort will be made here during the next 24 hours to end the Torrance U. S. O. drive successfully, those in charge of the drive during the absence of General Chairman Earl Connor, who is on vacation, declared today. The local U. S. O. campaigners hope to wind up the fund-raising by August 1. No quota has been set for the Torrance drive, but it is hoped that contributions here will be on a par with other cities of 10,000 population.

Assisting Chairman Connor are: Don L. Sears, chairman of the business and professional division; Sam Levy, J. W. Post and Sears, industrial committee; the entire membership of the local U. S. W. O. C. lodge which is conducting the drive at the Columbia Steel plant, National Supply Company workers who are canvassing in that plant, Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, women's division; William H. Tolson, chairman for clubs, churches and organizations, and Irwin (Jack) Hallanger, city employees.

Contributions may be left at either of the two local banks or given any of these workers, it is announced.

National Report Given

Returning to California from a conference with national United Service Organizations officials at New York, J. Henry Lang, Pacific Coast U. S. O. regional director, brought word this week that \$9,550,000 already had been officially reported as raised throughout the country and that the full \$10,765,000 asked for the soldier-sailor welfare program undoubtedly will be subscribed by the end of July.

C.I.O. Wins in N.L.B. Election at Nat'l. Supply

By a vote of 567 to 185, National Supply Company workers favored the C. I. O. International Oil Workers' union over the Employees' Association as the sole bargaining agent in an election held yesterday under auspices of the National Labor Relations Board.

A total of 728 workers participated in the election out of an estimated 820 who were believed eligible to vote. The company has approximately 1,090 on its payroll here but executives, office workers and shop foremen were not permitted to vote in the N. L. B. election.

Nineteen workers indicated on their ballots that they favored neither the C. I. O. union nor the Employees' Association, three were void and four votes were challenged, it was reported following the canvass of returns by N. L. B. officials last night.

This was the third balloting on the question of sole bargaining agent to be held at the National Supply plant. The other two, one within the year, favored the Employees' Association.

Only One Man in Next Draft Quota

Only one man will compose the 14th Selective Service quota from this district, scheduled for Monday, August 4. He is Paul Quesada, 23, WPA worker, living in Redondo Beach. He will leave from the local Selective Service Headquarters at 1337 El Dorado St., Redondo Beach, for the draft office in San Francisco for August 18-20. A total of 2,735 young men who registered last October 16 under the Selective Service Act are to be inducted into the Army from California next month.

Brg. General Joseph O. Donovan, state Director of Selective Service, today said there will be no difference in treatment between the registrants of July 1 and those previously registered, "in any respect whatsoever."

The statement resulted from queries to state headquarters based on reports that individual classifications would be eliminated and consideration given the July 1 registrant on a bloc basis. This report, Gen. Donovan said, has no basis of fact.

No Bloc Classification

"The 21-year-old men who registered on July 1 and whose order numbers were determined in the second national selective service lottery on July 17, are subject to the same rules of individual classification as the youths enrolled previously," he emphasized.

Referring to the question of classification on bloc, Gen. Donovan said that "under no circumstances will the new group of potential trainees be classified and considered for possible military training on bloc. Contrarily, he added, each man will have his

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Absentee Ballot Count to Decide Babcock's Status

With Councilmen George V. Powell and John V. Murray definitely recalled from office as result of Tuesday's special municipal election, interest of Torrance residents in the recall continued at a high pitch today because of the fact that it will take the result of the absentee voters' ballots to determine whether or not Councilman Lawrence V. Babcock was likewise ousted.

Kids Splash in 'Sidewalk Beach' Along Boulevard

Youngsters living on or near Torrance Blvd. enjoyed water sports with a lot of splashing Tuesday as they reveled in bathing suits and shorts in the flowing water coming down the gutter from the municipal high-pressure tank off Torrance Blvd. and Cedar ave.

The stream from the periodic emptying of the huge tank to permit cleaning furnished the kids with a "sidewalk beach" as they jumped and frolicked in the water.

Last Link With 'Hick Town' Now Severed in City

Torrance, just in case any one still harbors the impression, will positively and definitely be lifted out of the classification of "hick town" August 1.

No, we're not going to have street cars, a detective bureau, a night club, traffic cops at every corner or other such metropolitan features.

An announcement by Postmaster Earl Connor today lifted the city out of the "whistle bracket" when he said that, beginning tomorrow, rural deliveries of mail will be a thing of the past.

All such deliveries after August 1 will be made to street numbers rather than rural box numbers, Connor declared. The reason for this change is because all streets and houses are numbered in Torrance and there no longer exists any reason to continue the old-fashioned R.F. D. prefixes.

The local postoffice, Connor said, has added 2.2 miles to its rural — er, suburban delivery routes to accommodate families living in the Shoestring strip adjoining the city.

Union Service in Auditorium Sunday

A union service in the Civic Auditorium will be held by the Torrance Ministerial Association next Sunday evening, August 3, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. C. Miles Northrup, pastor of the First Baptist church, will speak on "Jesus Seeking the Lost." Special numbers by a male quartet and union choir are planned and all are invited to attend.

Complete But Unofficial Count by Precincts

Precincts	No. 1 18177 Frontier	No. 2 2774 El Dorado	No. 3 3774 Bender	No. 4 1324 Marcelino	No. 5 5774 Espinosa	No. 6 1027 Amparo	No. 7 1417 Cala	No. 8 1177 Arlington	No. 9 1013 Atlix	No. 10 1077 Northmore	No. 11 2770 W. Corn	No. 12 1177 Waller School	No. 13 8774 Forsythe	No. 14 1307 Forsythe	No. 15 1377 Cabrillo	No. 16 1377 Waller-Recreation	Total
Babcock	YES 24	66	53	55	54	98	101	82	80	36	46	46	61	132	51	46	1,031
	NO 58	59	41	44	41	69	81	102	61	78	58	77	55	79	71	59	1,033
Murray	YES 25	76	60	58	57	96	105	78	84	37	51	46	63	148	53	48	1,085
	NO 57	50	36	44	33	64	68	102	56	77	57	76	51	61	70	60	962
Powell	YES 25	76	60	58	57	96	105	78	84	37	51	46	63	148	53	48	1,085
	NO 57	48	37	41	37	69	76	107	58	78	56	76	53	64	68	57	982
Filling Vacancies Caused by Recall	By Appointment 6	14	6	12	11	21	12	17	13	10	10	11	14	23	13	8	201
	By Special Election 60	107	79	82	83	133	166	153	126	96	88	101	94	187	107	87	1,749
Total Vote Cast	82	129	97	99	95	168	184	186	143	116	108	123	118	212	124	107	2,091

Powell and Murray had their terms halted by the following semi-official and complete returns:

For Powell's recall, 1,085; against recall, 982.

For Murray's recall, 1,100; against recall, 962.

Because he received the support of 1,033 votes as compared to 1,031 for his recall, Babcock must await the canvass of the returns and compilation of 21 absentee votes before he knows whether he continues in office or not.

16 Per Cent Turnout

By an overwhelming majority, 1,749 to 201, Torrance voters endorsed a special election to fill the vacancies on the council caused by the recall as opposed to appointment of Powell, Murray, and possibly Babcock's successors by the present city council.

The complete, semi-official returns for all 16 precincts Tuesday are published at the bottom of this page.

A total of 2,091 votes or 46 per cent of the city's registered election strength were cast on Tuesday in the election which climaxed a heated campaign that began April 10 with the filing of recall charges against the majority bloc of the council.

The entire city board will meet Monday night, August 4, at 7:45 o'clock to canvass the returns of the election and to open the 21 absentee ballots received by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

If Babcock is not recalled as result of this official survey of all votes cast, Powell and Murray will immediately step down from the council bench and thus retire from the office to which the former was re-elected April 9, 1940 and the latter was elected April 12, 1938.

Then the remaining members of the city board—Mayor Tom McGuire and Councilmen James Hitchcock and Babcock will adjourn. The three officials will immediately re-convene as another council session and they will fix the date of the special election to determine Powell and Murray's successors. This must be, according to state law, not less than 35 days or more than 40 days from August 4.

The council will continue to function as a three-man board until the recalled councilmen's successors are elected by the people and are qualified to office.

In event Babcock is recalled—if he fails to get 10 or more of the absentee votes—the recall will affect a majority of the council and in that case all three recallers will retain their offices with full authority until their successors are named by a vote of the people.

However, in this event, the city clerk and not the city council must set the date of the special election for successors to Powell, Murray and Babcock for September 3, or 30 days from AUG. 4.

During the course of the special council meeting next Monday night, City Attorney John E. McCall is expected to give an opinion on whether or not the council may be candidates to succeed themselves at the coming special election.

O'Toole Disclaim Any Office-Seeking Idea

"Neither Mrs. O'Toole nor I will be a candidate for the city council, nor will we accept any city position." This is the announcement that J. J. O'Toole made yesterday in answer to reports that such action was contemplated, although both Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole have said repeatedly they would not be candidates. They both took an active part in the recall movement.